

Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 30 January 2023, at 19:30 in the Memorial Hall, Talybont.

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Rhian Evans (Vice Chair), Eryl Bray, Catrin Davies, Elgan Evans, Bleddyn Huws, Enoc Jenkins, Nest Jenkins, Sion Pennant, Nia Richards and Mererid Watson.

Taking minutes: Mererid Watson

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. Apologies

None

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

7ii. Memorial Hall Correspondence

Catrin Davies, Bleddyn Huws, Mererid Watson

9. iv. Subsidies

Rhian Evans – Talybont Primary School, *Papur Pawb*, Talybont YFC

Catrin Davies – Talybont Memorial Hall, Talybont Primary School, *Papur Pawb*

Elgan Evans – Talybont Agricultural Society, Talybont School, Cylch Meithrin Talybont

Bleddyn Huws – Talybont Memorial Hall

Enoc Jenkins – Talybont Agricultural Society

Sion Pennant – Talybont YFC

Mererid Watson – Talybont Memorial Hall

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 November 2022

Proposed: Catrin Davies, seconded: Eryl Bray seconded, subject to the following corrections:

- a) 5.ib) Cwmslaid water grating: change “this has now been addressed” to “not addressed, but the water grating is no longer a problem”.
- b) 5.ix Braichgarw. Change “with the intention of planting trees on the site” to “with the intention of re-establishing the path down to the river.”

5. Matters arising:

5i. Matters reported via Clic to Ceredigion County Council

It was reported that a road inspector was going around the area.

5iii. New website

The Chairman noted that the invoice had arrived and asked that the website be updated with the policies to be received via Mr Denfer Morgan. Sion Pennant noted that he had not been given access. Catrin Davies agreed to contact the company again to arrange this.

5v. Sewage pollution

Catrin Davies said she had met representatives from Dŵr Cymru on 12 December 2022 to discuss the sewage pollution situation; she then read a report received from them.

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It was noted that a public meeting would be held at 7pm on 27 February 2023 to discuss the situation and the risk of flooding. Catrin Davies agreed to communicate the event throughout the village through various media with the help of Eryl Bray and Sion Pennant.

It was noted that this had been an ongoing problem since at least 1999, and the Community Council will consider this when discussing any new building plans in the future.

5vi. Notice boards for Talybont and Bont-goch

Mererid Watson noted that she had received a quote from 2 companies for the notice board in Bontgoch and on the wall of the public toilets in Tal-y-bont. No company could offer a noticeboard that opened from the back. We will have to wait for the new budget before ordering. It was noted that the contents of the current notice board needed to be tidied.

Price given by KBS Depot: £932 before VAT

Price given by Greenbarnes Ltd.: £1,380.29 before TAW

It was decided to accept KBS Depot's quotation. The order will be made at the start of the next financial year – 6 April 2023.

5viii. a) Coed Cwmere

No update

b) Braichgarw

It was noted that Braichgarw is registered as Common land and therefore can be used by the public. It was also noted that Common Land can be property.

5ix. One Voice Wales Toolkit

No update

5x. The cemetery ledgers

No update

6i. One Voice Wales

i) Biodiversity

A report following the Little Things – One Voice Wales Green Network workshop on 7 December 2022 on The Biodiversity Duty.

Eryl Bray and Nia Richards had attended.

According to Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, all public authorities operating in Wales have a duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity, to encourage the resilience of ecosystems and to publish a plan that sets out their intentions to achieve this.

The requirements of Section 6 relate to taking steps to protect nature through practical action, and through the way all public actions are organised. It should embed biodiversity considerations into day to day actions – in policies, plans, programmes, and projects, and also to influence others who own property or occupy or manage land.

Procurement policies should be revised to more local and sustainable ones, mowing and maintenance contracts should be reviewed, other initiatives should be encouraged and influenced, from small ones up to landscape scale, and Section 6 should be considered in funding decisions and when discussing planning applications.

The Section 6 Duty should be on the agenda of all our meetings, and a specific page on our new website will be required. We will share information about the little things that help to achieve a great deal in local biodiversity conservation, as cooperation with the community will be key to the success of our plan.

Eryl and Nia will start to develop a draft plan and share some ideas based on all the information that has been received to date.

ii) Croeso Cynnes/Warm Welcome

It was reported that the Council had received a £500 grant towards the project which meets on Wednesday afternoons in the lower Hall, but it was noted that

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the numbers were low. It was agreed to change to a Tuesday and hold coffee mornings from 7 February onwards – this would be advertised.

6iv. The Future of Welsh Communities

Bleddyn Huws was thanked for preparing the Council's response.

6. New issues

i) Appointment of clerk

The Council agreed to appoint Mrs Lynwen Rees Jones, to start on 5 February 2023.

ii) Confirmation of the Council's Training Plan

The Training and Development Policy was read and agreed.

7. Correspondence

i) One Voice Wales

It was noted that the Chairman had forwarded all correspondence to the Councillors.

Catrin Davies agreed to send the training link to the Councillors.

ii) Hall Committee

A response had been received from the Hall Committee. It was agreed to continue working together with the Hall and the Chapel to organise a Remembrance Day service and add this as an item to the Council's September Agenda annually.

iii) Allt y Crib Trail

The need to extend the closure of the Allt Y Grib Footpath 6/98 and 5/53, Talybont was advertised to remain closed for a period of up to 6 months. The public footpaths will remain closed from 24 February 2023. The extension to the Order is necessary to ensure public safety while the work to stabilise the old mines goes ahead.

iv) Annual Conference

An invitation to the Annual St David's Day Conference, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn, on Friday 3 March.

8. Planning

i) Complaint about the Pharmacy sign

As the Pharmacy is a listed building, a planning application will have to be made for the light.

ii) Request to upgrade telephone mast

It was decided to arrange a date for a planning sub-committee on 14 February.

iii) Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion – further reforms

Consultation seeking views on further draft amendments to planning guidelines regarding flooding and coastal erosion. A previous consultation had been held between 9 October 2019 and 17 January 2020. Responses by 17 April 2023.

9. Financial matters

i) The Council's financial position

Current account: £8,981.40

Deposit account: £9,764.82

Tabernacle Account: £4,410.01

It was noted that the balance of the current account includes the Warm Welcome grant of £500.

ii) Current bank mandate

No update regarding changing the mandate.

It was agreed that Rhian Evans would write to the bank asking for the Chairman, Ellen ap Gwynn, to be the main name.

It was agreed that two of the signatories would visit the bank for an update on the situation.

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iii) Setting the 2023-24 Budget and the Precept

The Council agreed to the proposed Budget.

The Council agreed to set a Precept of £16,000 for the 2023-24 financial year.

iv) Subsidies 2022-23

The sub-committee's proposal was agreed.

Local Organizations

A late application had been received from Ysgol Talybont PTA and Cletwr.

A subsidy of £200 was agreed for Ysgol Talybont PTA.

It was agreed that Cletwr would not receive a subsidy.

County Organizations

A late application was received from Ceredigion YFC

It was agreed that Ceredigion YFC would not receive a subsidy as there is a tradition of subsidizing Talybont YFC. It was agreed to write to Ceredigion YFC to explain the rationale for the decision.

Total subsidies for 2022-23

Local Organizations	£4,900
County Organizations	£ 100
National Organizations	<u>£ 300</u>
	£5,300

v) Payments

It was resolved to pay the following from the Cwtsh Cynnes grant:

Ellen ap Gwynn – repayment for Smart Box	£9.99
Eryl Bray – repayment for coffee	£5.55
Nia Richards – miscellaneous items, Cwtsh Cynnes	£13.17

It was resolved to pay the following:

TME Electrical – setting up and removing the Christmas tree	£1,188
Rondo Media – website costs	£2,280
Election costs	£170.00
Memorial Hall invoice	£25.00
Cae Bach rent, £10 per annum 2020-21 and 2021-22	£20.00

An e-mail had been received from the National Grid asking for an estimate of the price of the electricity used for the Christmas tree. The Chairman had forwarded this to the contractor responsible for installing the tree.

vi) VAT

The Chair stated that she was addressing the online VAT account.

vii) Cemetery grant

The Chair confirmed that she was applying for a grant in 2020-21 following receipt of an invoice from the previous Clerk for the sum of £561 for fencing work carried out in 2020-21.

It was noted that the handrail along the cemetery path needed to be extended as the ground was slippery. It was decided that this should be discussed in the Cemetery Sub-Committee which will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 February.

10. Cae Bach and Bontgoch Play Park

i) Report on the condition of the play parks

Bontgoch Play Park – It was noted that the wet ground is an ongoing issue. It was noted that an area was available for consideration for the biodiversity project.

Cae Bach – It was noted that water collects in front of the swings and that the light in the middle of the park does not work.

ii) February inspection rota

Bontgoch Play Park – Sion Pennant

Cae Bach – Nia Richards

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11. AoB

i) Traffic lights near Tanffordd

It was noted that the wall under the road into the village from the south is buckling and that measurements of the shift are currently being taken. Catrin Davies agreed to write to emphasize the priority of maintenance work as the lights affect traffic flow, fresh air quality and the privacy of homes.

ii) Streetlight

It was noted that there is no streetlight between the Black Lion and Brynhyfryd.

iii) Salt Bins

It was noted that Ceredigion County Council's salt bin located near Carregcadwgan had not been re-installed after it had broken.

iv) Potholes

It was noted that there were several potholes in the road near Cerrigmawr.

v) Hare hunting

It was noted that the Police were involved in a matter of ongoing disturbances by people from south Wales regularly travelling to the area to hunt hares with dogs. Their vehicles churn up the ground and gates are left open, etc. It was noted that the disturbances could lead to damage such as fences breaking, mixing livestock, and threatening behaviour.

vi) Grating near Glanrafon

It was noted that 2 grates near Glanrafon lane were blocked.

vii) Talybont Flood Prevention

It was noted that a report on the matter is in progress.

It was proposed to hold a meeting when the report has been received.

The Chairman sympathized with Rhian Evans following recent family bereavements.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 19:30 on Monday, 27 February 2023 in Talybont Memorial Hall

Close: 22:30